

## Proposed Bill No. 5712

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:

REP. CAFERO, 142nd Dist.

REP. HAMZY, 78th Dist.

REP. KLARIDES, 114th Dist.

## AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO ALLOW SENIOR CITIZENS TO EARN A PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT BY PERFORMING WORK IN THEIR MUNICIPALITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 204a of the general statutes be amended to create a
- 2 volunteer property tax abatement program for homeowners sixty-five
- 3 years of age and older. Eligible seniors may receive a property tax
- 4 abatement of up to seven hundred fifty dollars in exchange for
- 5 volunteering their service in the municipality where they reside. Rates
- 6 for volunteering shall be based on the state's hourly minimum wage.
- 7 The amount of abatement for eligible individuals or married seniors
- 8 shall be included on the tax bill and not given in the form of payment.

## Statement of Purpose:

To create a program for eligible seniors to reduce their property tax burden.